Structure and Responsibility



STRUCTURE AND RESPONSIBILITY (4.4.1)



The basic issue that needs to be addressed in the Structure and Responsibility section of the standard is

"WHO DOES WHAT?"



Three specific tasks must be addressed:

A. Responsibilities of each individual and and unit within the organization must be defined and documented with respect to the EMS.



Three specific tasks must be addressed: (cont.)

- B. Adequate resources must be provided to implement and maintain the EMS.
- C. Management representative must be appointed to ensure conformance and continual improvement.



Everyone's role with respect to the EMS must be documented and communicated -- In other words every member of the organization must recognize and understand their role.



Top management must commit the resources necessary to support the EMS:

- manpower,
- special skills,
- technology, and
- •financial



The appointed management representative must have the responsibility and necessary authority to perform the following:

- establish ISO 14001 requirements,
- review implementation
- determine operational conformance with ISO 14001, and
- report to top management on conformance and continual improvement.